

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Southwestern Health Resources names senior executive officers

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To the UT Southwestern Community,

This past fall, I shared with you the exciting news of our partnership with Texas Health Resources to develop Southwestern Health Resources, an innovative, clinically integrated network created to elevate the health and wellness of the communities of North Texas.

This new network is a significant development for UT Southwestern that will enable us to thrive in the changing landscape of care delivery and provide patients throughout North Texas with streamlined access to the complete continuum of care. The network also will allow us to advance our educational and research missions by creating additional teaching and clinical research opportunities.

Since our initial announcement, we have been working with Texas Health to build the network infrastructure. Among the most important aspects of this new collaboration is its leadership, and we now have appointed four senior executives to head the partnership's integrated physician network, integrated hospital network, and population health services company.

The new leadership team includes:

[John Warner](#), M.D., CEO of University Hospitals for UT Southwestern, has been named Senior Executive Officer of the joint operating company that oversees the network's three primary Dallas hospitals: William P. Clements Jr. University Hospital, Zale Lipshy University Hospital, and Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas.

[Dan Varga](#), M.D., Chief Clinical Officer and Executive Vice President of Texas Health Resources, has been named the Senior Executive Officer of Southwestern Health's physician network.

[Mack Mitchell](#), M.D., Associate Vice President for Population Health at UT Southwestern, will serve as the Chief Medical Officer of the physician network, working alongside Dr. Varga on quality initiatives and physician engagement.

[Bruce Meyer](#), M.D., M.B.A., Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs for UT Southwestern, has been named the Senior Executive Officer of Southwestern Health's Population Health Services Company, which will provide clinical and quality data, as well as the administrative and analytic services necessary to support the clinically integrated physician network and hospital network in providing cost-effective, high-quality outcomes for patients and their families.

These four physicians bring dynamic leadership to the fundamental components of the Southwestern Health Resources network. They possess exceptional management expertise to support the efforts of

physicians and other caregivers throughout the network in providing the highest quality of care. The UT Southwestern physician leaders will maintain their current responsibilities, while taking on these new leadership roles.

As noted last October, formation of the network will not alter our existing relationships with Parkland Memorial Hospital, Children's Medical Center Dallas, and Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center, or change our affiliations with independent physicians, including those in the UT Southwestern Clinically Affiliated Physicians (UTSCAP) program.

Southwestern Health will feature 27 hospitals and 300 clinics throughout North Texas, as well as an expansive network of over 2,000 physicians, including employed, university-affiliated, and independent physicians from both organizations. Physicians in the network can offer the full range of expertise in primary care and specialty care across a 16-county area with more than 6 million residents.

Please join me in congratulating and supporting Drs. Warner, Varga, Mitchell, and Meyer in their expanded roles. If you would like additional information about our new partnership with Texas Health, including answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the [Southwestern Health Resources page](#) on the My UTSW intranet site.

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